

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. – 31. (canceled)

32. (new) An animal litter in the form of discrete plural particles, each of said particles comprising a compacted mixture, said mixture comprising:

(a) at least two cohesiveness agents in an amount effective to enhance the cohesiveness of the granules, wherein (i) at least one of the cohesiveness agents comprises a polysaccharide, and (ii) at least one of the cohesiveness agents is an ionic salt; and

(b) a corn-based liquid-absorbent substrate;

wherein the particles agglomerate when wetted and wherein at least one component of said litter tends to mask ammonia odors.

33. (new) The animal litter of claim 1, wherein the polysaccharide is a starch.

34. (new) The animal litter of claim 1, wherein the ionic salt is calcium carbonate.

35. (new) The animal litter of claim 1, wherein the animal litter has a moisture content of about 5% to about 25%.

36. (new) The animal litter of claim 1, wherein the corn-based liquid-absorbent substrate is an expeller-extracted corn-based liquid-absorbent.

37. (new) A method for removal of animal waste, comprising;

(a) providing a container including an animal litter, said animal litter being in the form of discrete plural granules, each of said granules comprising a corn-based liquid-absorbent substrate and at least two cohesiveness agents in an amount effective to enhance the cohesiveness of the granules, wherein (i) at least one of the cohesiveness agents comprises a polysaccharide, and (ii) at least one of the cohesiveness agents is an ionic salt; and

(b) allowing an animal to excrete waste into said container, whereby liquid from said waste causes agglomeration of at least a portion of said litter into at least one clump; and

(c) removing at least one clump of agglomerated litter from said container.

38. (new) The method of claim 37, wherein the polysaccharide is a starch.

39. (new) The method of claim 37, wherein the ionic salt is calcium carbonate.
40. (new) The method of claim 37, wherein the animal litter has a moisture content of about 5% to about 25%.
41. (new) The method of claim 37, wherein the corn-based liquid-absorbent substrate is an expeller-extracted corn-based liquid-absorbent.
42. (new) An animal litter in the form of discrete plural particles, each of said particles comprising a compacted mixture, said mixture comprising:
- (a) at least two cohesiveness agents in an amount effective to enhance the cohesiveness of the granules, wherein (i) at least one of the cohesiveness agents comprises a polysaccharide, and (ii) at least one of the cohesiveness agents is an ionic salt; and
 - (b) a liquid-absorbent substrate, wherein the liquid-absorbent substrate is distillers' dried grains;
- wherein the particles agglomerate when wetted and wherein at least one component of said litter tends to mask ammonia odors.